

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. *(Currently Amended)*: A recording apparatus comprising:

a plurality of recording drives configured to record information containing video data;

a determining section configured to determine, after recording has been programmed and during activation of a first task that executes the programmed recording in realtime, whether a recording-destination drive among one of the recording drives on which the programmed recording is executed, has already been accessed by a second task;

a judging section configured to judge, upon the determining section determining that the recording-destination drive is being accessed by the second task ~~for a conflicting activity including a real-time recording and a playback~~, whether the real-time recording and the playback can be executed by providing simultaneous access to the recording-destination drive for the first and second tasks;

an interrupting process section configured to:

(a) interrupt the second task, upon the judging section judging that real-time recording of the first task cannot be executed, and

(b) enabling enable the first task to execute the programmed recording on the recording-destination drive, ~~upon the determining section determining that the recording drive is being accessed by the second another task~~; and

an executing section configured to make execute the first task to execute the programmed recording using the recording-destination drive.

2. *(Cancelled)*.

3. *(Original)* The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the interrupting process section includes a section which suspends said another task currently using said one of the recording drives, and said apparatus further comprising a section which restarts said another task after finishing the programmed recording.

4. (*Original*) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the interrupting process section includes a section which forcibly finishes said another task currently using said one of the recording drives.

5. - 9. (*Cancelled*)